

Health Reform and MCHB
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Deborah Garneau, MA
Special Needs Director
Rhode Island Department of Health

Deborah Garneau is the Chief of the Office of Special Health Care Needs at the RI Department of Health. In this position she is responsible for the supervision, management, and leadership of the Office's three program areas including Pediatric Specialty Services, Disability and Health and Family Support and Empowerment. The Office manages over \$1.1M in community performance based contracts, the scope of which include medical home enhancement, youth medical transition, emergency preparedness for people with disabilities, service delivery system development, establishment of linkages between primary and specialty care, provision of parent support, health promotion for people with disabilities, resource development for parents and professionals, and comprehensive surveillance and building of quality, performance-based systems of care. In addition to direct contract management, Ms. Garneau is responsible for collaborating with state agencies and community providers in establishing policy to ensure an integrated special needs service delivery system for the provision of direct services for children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN) and their families. Ms. Garneau served as a mental health clinician and administrator with at-risk children and their families prior to state service.



Lisa Schaffran
Associate Director
Rhode Island Parent Information Network

Lisa Schaffran is the Associate Director and Interim Director for Family Voices of RI / Family to Family Health Information Center at the Rhode Island Parent Information Network (RIPIN). With more than 21 years of experience in individual and family leadership support and development, Lisa changed career paths after her only child was diagnosed with developmental disabilities. Her passion to help families individually has grown and developed into a passion to train, support and grow individuals, parents, and family members in professional development activities to become community leaders. As Associate Director, Lisa provides oversight to the RIPIN program directors and supervisors, directs all health-related programs, is responsible for all professional and leadership development, leads monthly supervisory team meetings focused on effective supervision, empowerment and coaching (with a strong emphasis on understanding diversity), and leads the effort for agency-wide integration.



Renee Turchi, MD, MPH

Medical Director

St. Christopher's Hospital for Children

After completing undergraduate at Cornell University and medical school at Medical College of Pennsylvania, Renee completed residency/chief residency at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children in Philadelphia. Subsequently, she attended the Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program at Johns Hopkins University where she conferred her Master's in Public Health. Her research and clinical work focus on CYSHCN. Renee is an Associate Professor at Drexel University School of Public Health (Department of Community, Health and Prevention) and Drexel University College of Medicine (Department of Pediatrics). She is the Medical Director of the Pennsylvania Medical Home Program (EPIC IC), a statewide quality improvement program for pediatric practices across Pennsylvania funded by the PA DOH and the MCHB. (www.pamedicalhome.org). Medical Director of Special Programs at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children in Philadelphia. Her research and clinical work have been national presented.

Pamela Stokes, MEd

Parent Advisor

Pennsylvania AAP

Pamela has her master's in education and the parent of a youth with special health care needs. She has held numerous positions including the parent consultant for the Pennsylvania Department of Health Title V. She is currently part of the PA Medical Home Team in a role as a parent advisor.